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SUBJ: UNATTENDED OPERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES THE DEPT'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH UNATTENDED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS.

2. IN BRUSSELS THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS. ONE IS THAT UNINTERRUPTED TRANSMISSION USES A FULL ROLL OF TAPE IN APPROXIMATELY TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS. WE ESTIMATE THAT ON THE AVERAGE, THIS CONSTITUTES BETWEEN 40 AND 50 MESSAGES. BRUSSELS OFTEN RECEIVES MORE THAN 50 MESSAGES DURING ITS SEVEN HOUR CLOSURE. THEREFORE, UNLESS THERE IS SOME WAY OF EXPANDING TAPE CAPACITY, THIS WOULD BE A LIMITING FACTOR HERE.

3. FOR BRUSSELS THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC ON SUNDAY IS USUALLY QUITE SMALL AND THEREFORE, WE DOUBT WHETHER AN UNATTENDED SUNDAY OPERATION WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO OFFSET THE COST OF SCHEDULED OVERTIME FOR THE REQUIRED CARD CHANGE. RENNER

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